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Ray Jenkins at Open Forum

A familiar and favorite speaker at Broadmead, Ray Jenkins, former editor of the editorial pages of the *Evening Sun*, covered several aspects of the coming elections in a talk on September 12. Some of his views are as follows:

That President Clinton is almost sure to win. A good guess would be 51% of the popular vote for Clinton, 43% for Dole, and 6% for Perot. There may well be a 50-50 chance that the Democrats will regain a majority in the House (19 additional seats would do it), but there is less than an even chance of their regaining the Senate.

That Christine Whitman is a good bet to be the Republican candidate in the year 2000.

That Dole as president would have great difficulty in reducing the deficit while cutting taxes by 15%. It may be possible to accomplish two out of three things at the same time--cutting taxes, cutting the deficit, and maintaining important services--but certainly not all three. The great and increasing problem of paying the interest on the debt began in earnest when taxes were much reduced in the early 1980's.

That beginning now to cut entitlements (Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare) is urgent. Entitlements, together with defense and interest on the debt, leave only 16% of the budget for discretionary spending--i.e., all the other expenses of government. Modest cuts in them now could prevent disaster later. Both parties are derelict in this respect. The one good argument for including Perot in the coming debate is that he might force both Dole and Clinton to pay some public attention to this problem.

That taxing the Social Security benefits of those with higher incomes ("including mine") is fair, and needed. At present 87% of all taxpayers pay no taxes on their Social Security benefits.

That maintaining at least present levels of welfare is urgent. A third of all America's children are now in poverty or will be before they reach maturity. Turning over the responsibility for welfare to the states will not solve the problem, even with block grants. Children will suffer, especially in the poorer states of the South. There may even be another Black migration from the South to the North because of it.

--Ralph White

Fashion Show on October 2nd

Wilmington Country Store of Ruxton will offer current fashions, modelled by Residents, at Broadmead on Wednesday, October 2, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.



Prior to this event, a Buffet Luncheon will be available in the dining room from 11:45 until 1:30. Invite your friends and come!

ADVENTURES IN LEARNING

Dorothy Clapp, Chairman

**The Age of Chivalry and Faith
Medieval Art at the Walters Gallery**
Wednesdays, 10:30 till 12:00 in the Auditorium

October 2 - Gothic Art in the Age of Faith
October 9 - Medieval Art and Chivalry ...
Love, War, Daily Life
October 23 - Group Tours at the Walters

No charge, but sign up on the Bulletin Board.

Broadmead Welcomes . . .

by Betsy Griffin

HARRIET (Bartholow) DUNCAN

(Mrs. Leroy) R-5 584-7428 August 1996

Harriet Duncan is a Baltimorean and a Goucher College graduate who resided in Rockville, Maryland, for 43 years. Her late husband, a roommate of Barbara Vosburgh's husband while at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, was an internist who did research at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. She has two sons—one, also a Hopkins M.D., lives and practices in Brazil; the other, a physicist, lives in Massachusetts and works in New Hampshire. Harriet has four grandchildren. After serving as den mother for her young boys, Harriet went on to volunteer for Citizens for Good Government, a group she helped to organize in Rockville, and which helped the town to develop into one of Maryland's prime home sites. She also assisted in occupational therapy at the N.I.H., worked in the Unitarian Center where she ran the Sunday School for several years, worked in Walden bookstores, and volunteered elsewhere as needed. She enjoys reading, walking, bridge, and travel—particularly with Barbara Vosburgh as a companion.

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Apartment Changes

Elizabeth Hilgenberg	A-11 to S-302
Harriette Shelton	T-303 to Hallowell
Elizabeth Wolfe	T-311 to Hallowell
Annette Close	S-106 to Hallowell

In Memoriam

HAZEL HAMPTON FLEMING
June 1, 1899 -- August 28, 1996

SADIE MARTIN DANDY
January 25, 1901 -- September 21, 1996

SATURDAY PROGRAM OFFERINGS

by Charles Hobelmann, Chairman
General Program Committee

Saturday, October 12 - 7:15 p.m.

JACK MECKLER - "Comic Cavalcade"
"Funny Paper Classics"

Saturday, October 26 - 7:15 p.m.

BARBARA LEONS - "Ethical Dilemmas in
Anthropological Field Work"

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THURSDAY OPEN FORUM

by Abraham Makofsky

October 3 - 10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Carl Christ, Professor of Economics,
The Johns Hopkins University

Topic: **TAX REFORM**

October 17 - 10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Prof. Ronn Pinec
Professor of Latin American History,
Towson State University

Topic: **MEXICO IN CRISIS**

October 24 - 10:30 a.m.

Moderator: Sam Legg
Discussion on Mexico in Crisis



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HALLOWELL/TAYLOR EVENTS

by Melissa Bartko, Activity Coordinator

Oktoberfest on October 17th at 3:00 p.m.
featuring live entertainment by **Helmut Licht**

Brownie Troop on October 30th coming
dressed in Halloween costumes. 4:00 p.m.

Costume Party on October 31st at 10:30 a.m.

THE BROADMEAD TATTLER

(A Conversation Piece)

by Emily Schlesinger

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1. Which Resident, as a child member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, recited the poem, "Father, dear Father, come home with me now" in programs for church audiences?
2. Name a Resident who sang and danced in productions on Broadway in the 1920's.
3. Which Resident gave Broadmead the slender 60-year-old saguaro cactus that lives in the corner of the greenhouse area opposite our reception desk?
4. Which Resident worked for several years in the costume shop that outfitted actors for productions of Baltimore's Center Stage?
5. Name three Residents who "served" as Conscientious Objectors during World War II.
6. Which Resident, sitting in the press gallery, had a good view of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey in 1953?

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VESPERS

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Sunday, October 20, 1996

4:30--5:00 p.m.

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in the Lounge

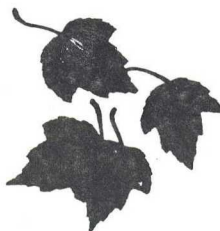
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CONCERTS IN THE LOUNGE

Residents Association Music Committee

Judy Johnson, Chairman

WATCH THE BULLETIN BOARD!



MOVIES ON TUESDAYS AT SEVEN.

10/1 UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL 1966 ***

Robert Redford, Michelle Pfeiffer. An ambitious young woman works for a veteran Miami TV newsman who shapes her into a good reporter. She moves up the television ladder. After their marriage, he goes to Panama to cover what develops into a top story.

10/8 THE 39 STEPS 1935 (British) 87 min. ****

Robert Donat, Madeleine Carroll, Peggy Ashcroft in a classic Hitchcock mystery with light comedy and romance as innocent Donat is pulled into a spy ring. The memorable banter set a style for sophisticated dialogue for years to come.

10/15 BEFORE AND AFTER 1966 107 min. ****

Meryl Streep, Liam Neeson, John Heard, Edward Furlong. A sober tale of a New England family torn apart when the son - accused of murdering a teenage girl - disappears. The father is willing to cover the boy's tracks, while mother and daughter wish to tell the truth in spite of consequences.

10/22 TWELVE O'CLOCK HIGH 1949 ****

Gregory Peck, Hugh Marlowe, Gary Merrill, Dean Jagger in film dedicated to the only Americans fighting in Europe in late 1942 and who developed daylight precision bombing. An officer is replaced after getting too much involved with his men; his successor, Peck (never better), has the same problem.

10/29 SABRINA 1995 127 min. ****

Harrison Ford, Julia Ormond, Greg Kinnear, Nancy Marchand, John Wood, Angie Dickinson; directed by Sidney Pollock. Remake of 1954 movie about a chauffeur's daughter with a life-long crush on the younger brother in the household where her father works. His older sibling tries to woo her away for purely business reasons.



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THE ALPACAS ARE COMING !

10:30 a.m. October 16th at Broadmead

**Camera Club Meeting
Friday, October 11
in Lower Lounge
Kodak videos:
Basic Photo Techniques
Art of Photo Composition**

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Health Education Lecture

Tuesday, October 8, 1996 at 10:30 a.m. -- Auditorium

Ms. Karen Klein

Osteoporosis Study Coordinator, G.B.M.C.

--Betsey Spragins

"Why People are Fleeing Baltimore"

Robert Kaufman Speaks At Broadmead

Mr. Kaufman, a self-styled social and political activist since the age of 16 years and organizer of the "City-Wide Coalition of Baltimore," spoke on the subject of the reasons people are deserting Baltimore in favor of suburbia. He spoke in broad generalities, providing little or no factual detail supporting his viewpoint. Since World War II there has been a failure on the part of Baltimore to build an infrastructure to support the necessary changes in city life which have evolved. In foreign countries such as some in Europe, and in Japan, great stress has been placed on the development of modern transportation means of a mass nature. He lays this failure at the feet of the business and industrial community, particularly indicting the automotive and oil industries which have led in the destruction of the street-car system and railroads to the benefit of automobiles, buses, trucks, and public highways and the fuel needed to power them. The wealthy citizens of Baltimore who were a major support system, moved to the counties and were not injured by the slowing economy because of their increased profits. The poor of the city suffer from structural unemployment and rising interest rates. Mr. Kaufman believes that poverty has been the basis of the social problems in Baltimore with a turn to the use of legal and illegal drugs as a remedy for the pain and suffering by large segments of the population particularly the youth. The drug trade has

DOC IN A BOX

--John B. De Hoff, M.D.

Health Care Education Subcommittee

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND HEALTH

A 1996 report from the Surgeon General tells how regular physical activity reduces risks of many diseases, contributes to healthier bones and muscles, and helps prevent falls and fractures.

A flexible approach to increased physical activity is suggested. Health benefits occur at a moderate level of activity appropriate to personal preferences.

For a free copy of the report's executive summary, call **1-888-232-4674**.

become extremely profitable and has attracted large numbers of the unemployed and homeless. The search for and the understanding of the need for education has deteriorated, leading to very difficult problems for the classrooms of the public school system so that overall success rates have dropped for both teachers and students. The drug trade has led to loss of a safe environment, destruction of empty houses to support drug addiction and increase in racial tensions.

To combat these problems, Robert Kaufman's City-Wide Coalition is trying to empower the less wealthy to leadership roles through increasing numbers of the voting public including the large numbers of felons who have been released from prison. School boards should be elected in the same manner as public officers so that the voting public will be better represented. The property tax should be abolished and base the funding of city programs on a progressive income tax and a supplemental commuter tax so that suburbanites will be supportive of the city income. Treat drug addicts as health problems instead of criminals and provide them with adequate rehabilitation and therapy. He believes automobile insurance in Baltimore should be supported by a \$9 million bond which will allow lower insurance rates. Youth organizations consisting of young Black men should be formed and older schoolmates should be made tutors of the lower grades. To finance these programs the funding of the police force and military should be substantially reduced. All of this must be accomplished gradually over a lengthy period of time.

--Melchijah Spragins

Without Benefit of Clergy

When someone asked me to write a piece on why people "your age" live together without marrying, the first things that came to mind were financial reasons.

But, personally, I don't believe they have much to do with the trend--if there is one. It is easy enough to work out a prenuptial agreement about property. When I asked Jim Biddison, our distinguished resident lawyer, about it, he named the probable loss of one or the other partner's Social Security payments. That may be one reason, but I doubt that it is the important one.

Nor is it polite or even possible to ask one or another of a couple why they do it. It's a touchy subject--at least it is for most of us. I don't know any couple at Broadmead who have chosen to live together "without benefit of clergy." But an old friend whom I shall call Gulielma Pendleton and whom I love dearly and *do* know well enough to ask, gave me *her* answer. It's a logical one, I think.

"My mother used to tell me that the first words I spoke were not 'Mama' or 'Daddy'" she said, "but 'Talk to me! Talk to me!' I didn't want just anyone to prattle on. I wanted someone to talk to me as my father talked to my mother. I remember the wonderful sounds of their voices when Father came home from the university where he taught English literature. I'd hear them from the side porch or from my room upstairs. It was like a signal to me that all was well. I don't remember anything they said to each other--just the feeling of content it gave me to hear them.

"My own marriage," Gulielma went on, "to a silent Quaker scientist was happy enough. It was a

love match from the moment we saw each other until the end. But how often I said to him, 'Talk to me.'

"Talk to you about what?' he'd ask, truly baffled, I think."

I was brazen enough to ask my friend, Gulielma, if her present companionship were a romantic one as well. Her only answer was, "What do you think?"

Some years ago, a friend and business associate of my husband's married his pretty secretary after his wife's death. Both of them were in their sixties. It was considered a good thing for both of them, but I don't believe it was. They had nothing to talk about. In company, he spoke to her as if she were still his secretary or, I often thought, as if she were a child. I'd have hated to be spoken to in such a manner.

"Why does a couple have to live together?" one might ask. "Why can't people just be good friends?"

To answer this one, I do think one must be old. Life is hard when one is seventy, however diligently one pretends that it is not. It is hard to get up in the morning - hard to gag down a lonely breakfast - hard to bend over to pick up your nightie or to make the bed. Hardest of all is to endure the "things that go bump in the night," the imagined footsteps of an intruder, the silence, the cold. Everything about age is better with a good companion. I am grateful for the kindness and goodness of my own good companion, my husband, even though the doesn't "talk to me!"

--Phyllis Tyler



HALLOWEEN MIXER

October 31 - 2:30--4:00 p.m. in the Main Lounge

Residents and Staff are invited to join in the fun

COSTUME CONTEST * GAMES * PARADE * MORE

BE THERE OR BE SCARED !



Let's Dance!

Big Bands of Yesteryear in Stereo

Eddie Slaughter, Chairman

Dances will be held on the second Monday of the month. Come to dance, or just to enjoy the music.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

7:00 P.M. in the Lounge

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14



TOAST TO AUTUMN

by Sarah Cooper

"Lingering front" . . . "scattered thunderstorms" . . . "partly cloudy" . . . these have been typical forecasts for this summer's weather. On a threateningly dark day, I walk a small section of Perimeter Road to check what results this cool, wet summer has produced. As I approach, I note that foliage on the ridge is unusually dark green, thick, and heavy. I can barely see a hint of sky through the trees. Leafy vines cover the hill densely enough to hide the rocks where little foxes played in open view a couple of years ago. Closer to the road, clumps of tall goldenrod bend spiky heads outwards, spears of bright color at the base of the dark green slope.

Overhead, the sky is gray. No air stirs. We

have escaped the fury of hurricanes A through G. Is some new alphabetical storm gathering now? This should be the yellowing time of year when Autumn "comes jovial in." These leaves, of course, don't all have to turn yellow. The black gums we planted should be the first to blaze in scarlet. Dogwoods, then oaks, will add softer shades of red. By the end of this month, we'll have the full color effect before the leaves they are "crisped and sere" and drop to the ground.

In exchange for this color, we must give up some illumination. Daylight hours have already noticeably shortened. With the end of this month when we go on standard time, evening will come faster, our indoor social hours will tend to lengthen, and we will do well to remind ourselves of the old song "he that will go to bed sober, falls with the leaf in October." Here's to Autumn!

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